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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR

THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2003, applicants elect Claims 13-15 of Group II, without traverse.

It is respectfully noted to the Examiner that claims 1-12, 16-21, and 23 were cancelled in the Preliminary Amendment included in the filing papers for the subject application.

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